Construction of Bridges on Khateema-Panipat National Highway

†4637. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge damages are caused to lives and properties following wiping away of vehicles every year on the 'rapat' falling between Najeebabad and Haridwar on the Khateema-Panipat National Highways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 12 crores for constructing bridges over these rapats on NH-74;

(c) if so, by when, permanent pucca bridges are likely to be constructed on all these 'rapats'; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Khateema-Panipat is not entirely a National Highway route, However, Najeebabad-Haridwar Section falls on National Highway No. 74 and a number of rapats exist in this section of National Highway. No study relating to damages caused due to wiping away of vehicles on the rapats has been conducted by the Government so far.

(b) Three high level bridges in replacement of rapats have already been sanctioned in the Najeebabad-Haridwar Section. Total estimated cost of these bridges is Rs. 20.54 crore.

(c) and (d) Construction of high level bridges on other rapats on Najeebabad-Haridwar Section of NH-74 would be taken up in a phased manner depending upon availability of the resources.

Declaring Delhi-Yamunotri Highway as National Highway

†4638. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads declared as National Highways during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the roads likely to be declared as National Highways in Uttaranchal during the current year; and

(c) whether the Delhi-Yamunotri Highway—47 is proposed to be included therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) A statement giving details is annexed. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) 4 number of proposals in Uttaranchal including Delhi-Yamunotri Highway have been received for declaration of new National Highways. These would be considered alongwith similar proposals received from other State Governments, after the finalisation of the 10th Five Year Plan and availability of funds keeping in view the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways, traffic needs and *inter-se* priority.

Statement

National Highways declared since 1999-2000 to 2001-2002

(in Kms.)

Sl. No.	Name of State	National Highway No.	Total Length
1.	Andhra Pradesh	214 & 219	398
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	153	40
3.	Assam	151, 152, 153. & 154	184
4.	Bihar	81,82,83,84,85,98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106 & 107	1313
5.	Chhattisgarh	12A, 216 & 217.	278
6.	Gujarat	8E	220
7.	Himachal Pradesh	88	115
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Extn. of 1B	85
9.	Jharkhand	Extn. of 75, 98,99 & 100	523
10.	Kanataka	212 & 218	336
11.	Kerala	212, 213 & 220	430
12.	Madhya Pradesh	12A; 59A, Extn. of 75, 86, Extn. of 86 & 92	1166
13.	Mizoram	154	70
14.	Orissa	215 & 217	786
15.	Punjab	95	225
16.	Rajasthan	Extn. of 11A, 79A, 89 & 90	516
17.	Tamil Nadu	219 & 220	77
18.	Uttaranchal	72A, 87, 94, 108 & 109	429
19.	Uttar Pradesh	2A, 24A, Extn. of 58, 72A, Ext. of 75, 86, 87, 91, 92, 93, 96 & 97	1281
20.	West Bengal	81	55